GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PCO FACILITY AT POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether PCO (public call office Re. 1 box) connections have been provided to all the post offices in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of post offices in the State where PCOs in not available; and

(e) by when all the post offices are likely to be provided with PCO facility?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Out of 9270 post offices in Gujarat State, 21 post offices have been provided with coin collection box (CCB) local PCOs. In addition, in 1591 post offices attended type PCOs are available.

(c) CCB PCOs are provided in thepost office when justified request is received from the public and the postal authorities. So far no such request has been received.

(d) 7658 post offices in Gujarat are not having any PCOs.

(e) There is no policy to provide PCOs in all the post offices. Such PCOs can be provided as and when justified request is received from the public and the postal authorities.